

## GUIDELINES

### The Hard Questions Bible Study and Discussion Group

**GOAL:** Our goal in this Bible study is to dive deeper into Biblical truths and develop educated responses and answers for life's hardest questions. As a Christian, we want to prove all things true (1 Thessalonians 5:20-21), but we understand that the Bible has many gray areas. This discussion group will allow us to talk through the gray areas in life to better understand God's heart and will for us. We believe that almost everyone will have a slightly different viewpoint on each topic, so the goal isn't to get the whole group to believe what you do. The goal is to leave each discussion with some concrete facts and a better understanding of what God is leading you to believe in your spiritual walk.

**HOW:** We plan to meet once a month on a date agreed upon by the majority of the group. Each month, we will have a topic to discuss and dissect over the following 3-5 weeks. We ask that each person researches the topic and develops some talking points and beliefs around the topic. All thoughts and beliefs are welcome, but we ask that you have evidence backing up each question you pose to the group. Also, we ask that each person goes beyond the answer of, "The Bible says this, so that is what we must do." In each setting, we will meet at one of our houses with some snacks and drinks to aide in conversation and create an environment that is harmonious to loving conversations among brothers and sisters in Christ.

**WHO:** Brothers and Sisters in Christ is who we are, so we ask everyone to treat each other that way. These hard questions are hard for a reason. They are full of emotions, regret, passion, and carnal instincts. We ask that only Christians that have committed their life to Jesus attend this group. Although we love other perspectives, we believe that God is calling each person to surrender their life to God, and without the Holy Spirit's discernment, the conversations will not be fruitful.

**TIME FRAME:** Our hope is to continue this Bible study for 12 months with 11-12 topics. We will work around everyone's schedule to find dates and times conducive to everyone's life. Our meetings will likely be around 2-3 hours long, and we will need to cut off conversation around 9pm to make sure everyone gets home at a reasonable time.

**WHAT TO BRING:** A drink of your choice, snacks to share, a Bible, a pen or pencil, and a notebook with your thoughts.

**OUR PRAYER:** Lord, we ask you to fill our hearts with your love and discernment. We ask for wisdom as we seek Your truth. We commit to putting in the time and effort to develop into the best versions of ourselves. Please fill us with patience and understanding of our friend's spiritual walks. Please keep the devil from entering into our conversations and hardening anyone's heart. It's in Jesus' name that we pray. Amen.